

# Stage Letter By Norman

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—You'd never think, to look at Oscar Hammerstein, that he has a granddaughter old enough to go on the stage.

But he has, and she's going. Her name is Elaine, she is seventeen, and her father, Arthur Hammerstein, is going to give her a part in a new musical comedy, "High Jinks", which he will produce next month. Miss Hammerstein is abundantly equipped with good looks and has a soprano voice which may some day awaken her grandpapa's interest.

The queerest theatrical season New York has known for many years continues to pursue its peculiar way. Everything's a success. At least all the shows that aren't big hits are doing something.

Ferenc Molnar, the Hungarian who wrote "The Devil", now has another play before the American public. It is called "Where Ignorance is Bliss" and is offered by Harrison Grey Fiske at the Lyceum.

The story is that of an egotistical actor who marries an actress who has been notoriously and admittedly tickle in her affairs of the heart. To test her he disguises himself as a dashing soldier and makes love to her. He wins her. And he never does find out after he has revealed his deception, whether she knew it all the time she professes, or whether she didn't. William Courtleigh and Rita Jolivet have the principal roles, and do a great deal to make the play attractive.

David Belasco offers "The Temperamental Journey," adapted by Leo Ditrichstein from the French, and with Ditrichstein in the leading part. The plot concerns a painter who, unappreciated artistically by the public and domestically by his wife, decides to drown himself. But, after he has plunged into the sea, he thinks better of it and swims to a passing vessel. A drowned body is identified as his and he returns home on the day of his supposed funeral. He learns two things—that his wife has an "affinity" and that his pictures have risen enormously in value.

There is, however, a woman who really does care for him, though she has never let him know it. After saying dead for a while he confounds the faithless wife by revealing himself, and the future promises happiness and prosperity with the real love.

Another, seemingly successful farce has been added to the season's offerings in "Nearly Married," by Edgar Selwyn. Bruce McRae heads an excellent cast.

"Lieber Augustin," with De Wolf Hopper, May De Souza and George MacFarlane, is a musical hit at the Casino. The music is by Leo Fall and Jerome Kern.

The New Amsterdam has "Sweethearts," with melodies by Victor Herbert, and with Christie MacDonald starred. It also has caught on.

## AT THE THEATERS

### THAW PICTURES COMING.

The management of the Orpheum announces that beginning Sunday the original Harry K. Thaw pictures recently taken in Canada will be shown in connection with the regular bill as an added feature. These pictures are now being shown at the Majestic theater, Chicago, and have been pronounced life-like reproductions of recent scenes in the life of the most tried about prisoner of a theater. Scenes showing William Jerome and other principals in the case are also shown. These are not faded sensational pictures marketed to commercialize Thaw's notoriety, but authentic views of late occurrences that have been given much space in the daily papers. They will be shown for four days at the Orpheum beginning Sunday.

### AT THE ORPHEUM.

The final thirty minutes of the new bill at the Orpheum is about as lively a half hour as one ever sees in a theater. The Hendrix and Belle Ice company of seven are seen in "The Schoolmaster." Just what the Detroit summer resort has to do with the affair is not explained. The character and setting is similar to many other school acts that have preceded this one. But it runs through on high speed and the "hick" comedian at the front desk is such a likable chap in spite of his coarse makeup that the act meets with a lot of applause. The comedy is all horse-play and slap sticks of various kinds are worked overtime but the misses look daisy and happy and the afore-mentioned comedian sings, dances and keeps things in a continual uproar.

Burkhardt and White at the piano and with songs, sentimental and character, put over a likeable act. The vocalist has ability and versatility and closes strong with a serious poem into which he puts a great deal of feeling.

The Alexander girls are tiny tots who look all the smaller on the big empty stage. They are talented youngsters, dance nimbly and with quite a bit of skill, and are cute in character impersonations. The opening audience liked them.

### THE COMMON LAW.

"The Common Law," adapted from Robert W. Chambers' sensational novel, makes a particularly strong appeal to women. The story is of fascinating interest to the feminine sex especially, notwithstanding that the scenes and incidents are pertaining to a man's world. It is a forcible indictment against marriage conventions, which the author has counteracted in a clever and masterly way. "The Common Law" comes to the Oliver Friday, Sept. 26.

"THE BLUE MOUSE." One of the interesting features of next week's performances of "The Blue Mouse" to be presented by the Grayce Scott players at the Auditorium, will be the opportunity of seeing Miss Scott as Fanny Devine, the "I'm so Temperamental" vaudeville actress who is known as "The Blue Mouse" because she is so little and wears blue gowns.



ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN.

man is such a strong contrast to the sweet and lovable character of Marian Stanton in "A Woman's Way." Glad in "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" and Molly Wood in this week's play, "The Virginian," that it will afford an excellent demonstration of Miss Scott's versatility.

Miss Mabel Barrison created this role and Miss Scott's sister, Miss Blanch Deyo, in private life, Mrs. Walter Jones, wife of the well known comedian, played it in one of the four companies which later were sent out in this play.

## DAMON AND PYTHIAS SHOWN IN MOVIES

Three packed houses greeted the performance at the Columbia theater Thursday night when a special bill arranged by the management and presented under the auspices of Crusade lodge, No. 14, of the K. P. was given. The money realized when all expense have been paid will be used toward building the new castle, which the lodge contemplates building. The elaborate colorings and beauty of the scenes around which the plot is laid together with the well known story delighted the audience. Other numbers were presented by the Le-March Duo on a harp, string and brass instruments.

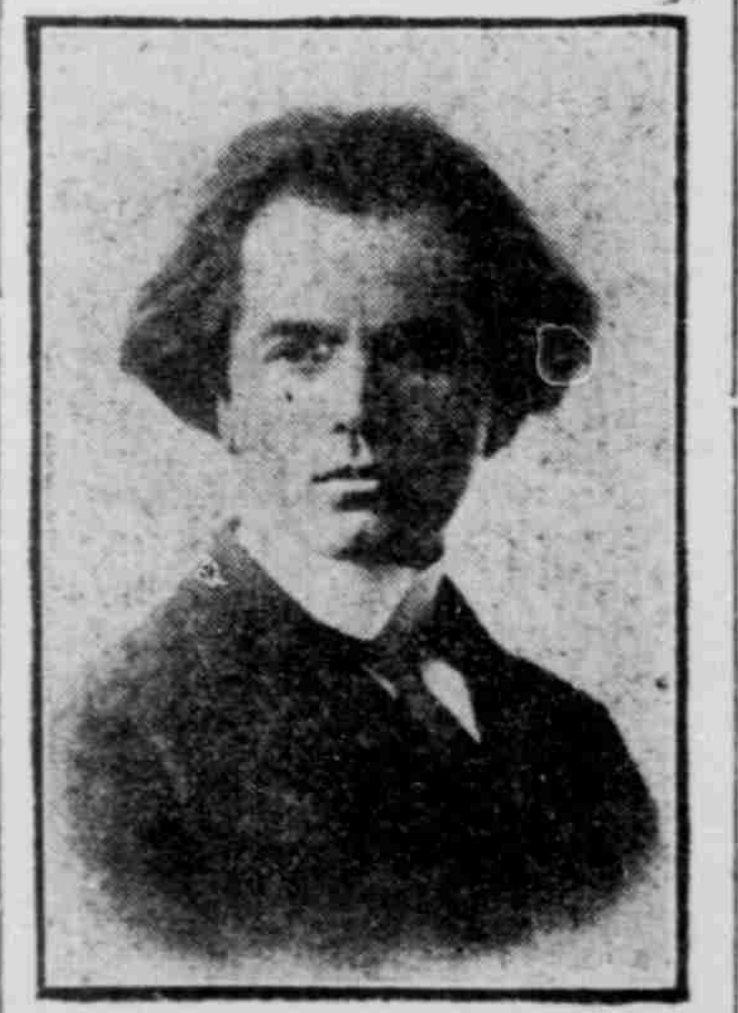
### OLDEST DOCTOR DIES.

LAPORTE, Sept. 19.—Dr. Benjamin Hollenbeck, age 63, one of the oldest practicing physicians in Laporte county, died this morning at his home in Westville. Dr. Hollenbeck started to practice medicine 42 years ago at New Carlisle. He was formerly president of the Laporte County Medical society. The funeral will be held on Sunday.

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## WOMEN LAUGHED AT LANIGAN

Droll Comedian at Orpheum Succumbs Because Ladies Ridicule His Appearance.

Joe Lanigan "The Adonis of Vaudeville," the comical monologist at the Orpheum this week, believes in making the most out of one's appearance. As he grew to young manhood, his Irish father and his French-Canadian mother never permitted him to mourn on the score of his appearance. Joe is what is known as a long, lean and lanky guy and when dressed in sombre black with his prominent nose and long-drawn face he looks about as cheerful as the front plume on a hearse. But his father told him in confidence that he was "funny."



Joe Lanigan, Comedian, at the Orpheum.

Then came a theatrical manager who asked him why he didn't go into the show business. Lanigan took the combined advice of the three and by carefully studying his physical defects began to frame up an original act along the lines of what might happen to a man about as thin as a drink of water.

He is quiet, deliberate and very droll and while exactly the opposite of a handsome man is one of the greatest favorites on the Orpheum time with the women. It must be because he amuses them for they giggle continuously at his line of patter and applaud him vigorously. They say it is all off with a man if the women laugh at him, but in Joe Lanigan's case it has been one of the secrets of his success.

## THAW TAKES AUTO RIDE AND WALK; FEELS GOOD

Asserts He Has Had Most Enjoyable Day of His Life in Many Years.

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 19.—"This has been the most enjoyable day I have had in years," said Harry Thaw, as he returned from a long automobile ride in the country Thursday. The outing was arranged by Sheriff Drew, who has Thaw in custody pending the outcome of the extradition hearing before Gov. Felker next Tuesday.

Accompanied by the sheriff and his assistant, newspapermen and photographers, Thaw was cheered by a crowd as the party left the hotel. The automobile whirled out of the city through the village of Penacook, 12 miles distant, to Boscaren. There the inviting fields stretching alongside the state boulevard attracted Thaw, who got down to stretch his legs, with Police Officer Stevens as his escort.

"This has made me feel like going to bed early and getting a good sleep," said Thaw when he got back.

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